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SUBJ: IRANIAN PRESS CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

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1. REFTTEL REPORTED RECENT INCREASE IN ANTI-SOVIET EXPRESSIONS BY IRANIAN PRESS. SUCH FRONT-PAGE STORIES HAVE CONTINUED DURING PAST WEEK. LATEST EXAMPLE IS SEPTEMBER 7 TEHRAN JOURNAL ARTICLE DRAWING ON WALL STREET JOURNAL COPY STATING THAT, "MOSCOW WANTS TO BUILD HISTORY'S STRONGEST MILITARY POWER."

2. IRANIAN PRESS HAS NOW GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY TO PRC ATTACKS ON SOVIET COMMENTARY ABOUT IRAN DEFENSE POLICIES. SEPTEMBER 8 TEHRAN JOURNAL HAS FRONT-PAGE STORY HEADLINED, "SOVIET MEDDLING IN IRAN--CHINA." THIS ARTICLE NOTES THAT NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY'S "CATEGORICAL SUPPORT" OF IRAN'S DEFENSE PLAN FOLLOWED ISVESTIA REPORT THAT GOI MILITARY PROGRAMS WERE "UNJUSTIFIABLE." MFA CHINA DESK OFFICER CONSIDERS CHINESE STATEMENTS TO BE CONTINUATION OF PRC'S SUPPORT FOR IRANIAN DEFENSE POLICIES IN CONTEXT OF SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY RATHER THAN ANY NEW INITIATIVE ON PART OF PRC.

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COMMENT: BY PROMINENTLY REPLAYING FOREIGN ARTICLES

CRITICAL OF USSR, IRANIAN PRESS IS ABLE TO INTENSIFY  
ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN WITHOUT EXPOSING IRAN TO KIND OF  
SOVIET REACTION WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM DIRECT  
CRITICISM BY GOI-GUIDED NEWSPAPERS.  
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